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SUBJECT: TALK WITH CHIEF OF ROYAL COURT -- DEVELOPMENTS IN THE  
AREA

1. AFTER SEEING KING HUSSEIN DECEMBER 20 I HAD A FEW  
MOMENT'S DISCUSSION WITH ROYAL COURT CHIEF SHERIF  
ABD AL-HAMID SHARAF. SHARAF MADE CLEAR THAT HE REMAINS  
EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE ABOUT JORDANIAN-SYRIAN FEDERATION.  
SINCE HE IS PRESENTLY CHARGED WITH JOINT STUDIES  
WITH SYRIA, I PRESUME THIS WILL INSURE THAT PROGRESS IS  
NOT VERY RAPID.

2. SHARAF SAID THAT HE AND PRIME MINISTER BADRAN IN  
THEIR RECENT VISITS TO KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA HAD  
RAISED QUESTIONS OF FURTHER ECONOMIC AID AND HAD  
BRIEFED THE SAUDIS IN PARTICULAR ON DEVELOPMENTS IN  
JORDANIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS. ON THE LATTER QUESTION,  
SHARAF SAID HE DETECTED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST,  
SIGNIFICANT SAUDI UNEASE AND UNHAPPINESS WITH  
JORDANIAN-SYRIAN RAPPROCHEMENT. HE SAID THEY  
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STRESSED TO PRINCE FAHD THE CONTEMPLATED SLOW PACE  
OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA AND JORDANIAN ALERTNESS  
TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH INCREASING CLOSENESS TO SYRIA  
COULD RAISE FOR BOTH AMMAN AND RIYADH.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF FINANCIAL AID, SHARAF SAID

THEY HAD RAISED AGAIN WITH THE SAUDIS THE NEED FOR  
THIRD PARTY BACKING FOR JORDAN'S FY 1976 FMS  
CREDIT PROGRAM. THE SAUDIS HAD AGAIN SAID THAT  
THEY WERE SYMPATHETIC, BUT NOT UNCHARACTERISTICALLY,  
NO FUNDS OR DIRECT COMMITMENTS CHANGED HANDS. SHARAF  
SAYS JORDAN WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION IN  
THEIR REGULAR CONTACTS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.

4. ON THE VISIT TO KUWAIT, SHARAF NOTED THAT THE  
KUWAITIS ARE ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS OF JORDAN AND DIFFICULT  
TO DEAL WITH. HOWEVER FOR THE FIRST TIME HE SAID  
HE THOUGHT THEY HAD GOTTEN SOMETHING CONCRETE FROM  
KUWAITIS. I SAID "WAS IT SOMETHING CONCRETE IN  
POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC TERMS?" HE SAID "BY ALL MEANS  
IT WAS CONCRETE IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT TO JORDAN."  
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